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1. On 22 July 1951, the barracks installation on the southeastern side of ul. Sobieskiego in the eastern sector of Torun (Q 54/J 39), south of the Torun-Lokre railroad station, was occupied by Polish troops. The billeting area contained not less than nine undamaged grey-stucco, multiple-story barracks buildings and was on ul. Sobieskiego. Soldiers with red service color were seen in the northeastern section of the installation. They wore khaki blouses, black trousers with red stripes, along the outside seams, epaulets with the intertwined letters SO and pentagonal red collar patches bearing a metal emblem showing an oak leaf with a sword. According to Polish officers with whom source was acquainted, the artillery officer school, which was said to have been recently enlarged, was located in this section of the installation. All NCOs and E1, seen in the southwestern section of the installation, wore standard Polish Army uniforms with red service color. No guns or artillery training were observed in the billeting area. (1)
2. The barracks installation on the south side of ul. Gowna, on the south bank of the Vistula River opposite the main railroad station, was occupied by Polish artillery troops. The old barracks buildings facing the street were destroyed, and several wooden sheds and workshop buildings remain in this section. The section of the billeting area farther to the south contained some solidly built barracks buildings, some of which were gutted. Soldiers observed in the billeting area and sentries guarding the gate on ul. Gowna wore red service color. Twelve 76-mm artillery pieces with muzzle brakes were lined up in front of a shed on ul. Gowna. More guns of the same type were seen in other sheds, the doors of which stood open. The total number of guns was estimated to be between 20 and 25. In addition, about 30 trucks were seen in the billeting area. The troops were seen servicing vehicles and cleaning weapons. (2)
3. Another heavily damaged barracks installation on the south side of ul. Gowna, which adjoined the above mentioned installation on the east, included gutted barracks, two barracks buildings and some low wooden buildings and sheds. Twelve M-13 rocket launchers, 10 of which were covered with tarpaulins, stood in front of one shed in the southern section of the installation. Two more rocket launchers were seen in other sheds, the doors of which stood open. Source believed that there were still more rocket launchers. Soldiers wearing fatigue uniforms were seen cleaning the weapons. The sentry at the gate on ul. Gowna and other soldiers seen there wore red service color. (3)

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4. On 22 July 1951, little activity was observed in the large barracks quarter on both sides of the city railroad station on the northern bank of the Vistula River. This undamaged quarter was bounded by ul. Ray, ul. Dabrowskiego and ul. Piastowska and also included the barracks installation just east of the city railroad station. At the time of observation, the windows of the barracks were closed. Only one entrance on ul. Piastowska was open. The sentry and some soldiers seen there wore red service color without insignia. Source had the impression that they belonged to guard details only. (4)
5. Several barracks buildings and numerous sheds were seen northeast of the barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 3, on the other side of ul. Ray. Source thought the buildings there were used for storing military supplies.

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- (1) The Torun military post is known to be an artillery training center and it is believed that mainly artillery units are stationed there. The artillery officers' school there is confirmed by the present report until July 1951. In addition, an artillery training regiment for the artillery school and the 13th Arty Brig with one artillery regiment are carried there.
- (2) A report of September 1950 also stated that the barracks installation was occupied by artillerymen. The number of guns mentioned in the present report is indicative of about two motorized light artillery battalions.
- (3) This is the first time that rocket launchers were observed with Polish Army units. The unit concerned may be a training battalion of the artillery school.
- (4) The former Haller barracks west of the city railroad station is one of the barracks installations in the so-called barracks quarter. It is bounded by ul. Zygmuntowska, ul. Dobrzynska and ul. Piastowska. According to previous information, an artillery regiment is allegedly quartered there.

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